



DRAFT MINUTES

SUNNYVALE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES AUGUST 22, 2005 Special Meeting

The Board of Library Trustees met in regular session in Sunnyvale Public Library, Program Room A, 665 West Olive Avenue at 7:03 p.m. with Jim Griffith presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jim Griffith
Roland Wanigatunga
Thomas Flaherty
John Lilly
Kathy Meagher

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Don Johnson, Director, Public Safety
Deborah L. Barrow, Director of Libraries
Jane Dimpel, Acting Recording Secretary

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION: None

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

CONSENT CALENDAR: None

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Draft RTC: Patriot Act – Council Study Issue (DPS #7)

Chief Johnson and Director Barrow provided the Board with a brief overview of the Draft RTC. The Patriot Act was passed by the United States Congress on October 26, 2001, in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, which in part grants federal law enforcement officers greater authority to open records of private citizens, and expands law enforcement search and seizure authority under the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Hearings are currently being held, and two bills have passed, but must be reconciled before being sent to the President. Changes in these bills may still be made.

Discussion ensued regarding the effect this would have on Library patrons' privacy, and the types of records which are currently kept by the Library.

Chair Griffith opened the public hearing and there being no public testimonies, closed the public hearing.

Boardmember Lilly moved and Boardmember Flaherty seconded, for the Board to recommend to City Council Alternative #1, which approves the Resolution affirming strong support for homeland security and fundamental constitutional rights, opposing any provisions of the USA Patriot Act that may infringe on the civil liberties of the citizens of the United States, and send a copy of the Resolution to the United States Senate and to the United States Congress. The motion carried unanimously.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

- **BOARDMEMBERS OR COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMENTS**

- Boardmember Lilly suggested that the Library develop a Privacy Policy shaped to reflect issues that come up as a result of the Patriot Act. Discussion ensued as to how the Library should handle requests for records.
- Chair Griffith would like to attend the September 20th Council meeting to make comments regarding this RTC to Council. Guidelines will be discussed at the September 12 Board meeting.

- **STAFF ORAL COMMENTS**

Director Barrow noted the following:

- The new Innovative System is going well. There have been some complaints, but overall the feedback from Patrons has been positive. Innovative's technical support has been very good so far.
- Recruitment for the fall session of CitySkills, which will be held Thursdays in October from 7-9 p.m. at the Senior Center is underway. Boardmembers individually may nominate themselves or someone else for this training to learn how to effectively work with government.
- Caltac training is being arranged for the Library Board. It will be held in the Library Program Room on a Saturday morning from 9 am to 12 noon. Possible dates are 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 10/29 or 11/26. Boardmembers are to advise their availability on these dates.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS: None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah L. Barrow
Library Director